on date;

(b) the details of norms for determining sanction of posts of PGT (Commerce) in such Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) whether these have been adhered to during the preceding three sessions in case of Lucknow and Bhopal regions; and

(d) if not, the reasons and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There are 143 Kendriya Vidyalayas with commerce stream as on date.

(b) to (d) Subject-wise PGTs are sanctioned depending upon the stream existing and period requirement of each subject in a Kendriya Vidyalaya. This has been followed for Kendriya Vidyalayas in Lucknow and Bhopal also.

Development of Beekeeping in Kerala

275. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Kerala for the Development of beekeeping;

(b) if so, since when the said proposal is pending with the Government; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action on the proposal, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Agriculture received a proposal sent by the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare, Government of Kerala during July, 1996. The proposal contained request for financial support for activities/ components already approved by the Ministry for Kerala under the Central Sector Scheme of Development of Beekeeping for Improving Crop productivity and being implemented by the State Farming Corporation Ltd., Punular, which has been identified as the State Designated Agency for implementing the scheme in Kerala. This has been conveyed to the Minister of Industries & Social Welfare, Kerala in August, 1996.

Funds for Implementation of Programmes in West Bengal

276. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated 20th August, 1996 from West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation, Calcutta, for release of funds for implementation of the programmes; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Admissible grants of year 1996-97 amounting to Rs. 8.60 lakhs have been released to the West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation, Calcutta.

Foodgrains Production

277. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated foodgrains production this year, cereal-wise:

(b) the comparative figures for the last

two years;

(c) the reasons for decline in production, if any; and

(d) if the reasons are, inter-alia, attributable to shortage of fertilizers, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTAER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) A statement giving estimates of foodgrains production crop-wise for 1995-96 alongwith that of 4993-94 and 1994-95 is enclosed. *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The reasons for decline in foodgrains production during 1995-96 may be attributed to unfavourable weather conditions, decline in area coverage under rabi foodgrains particularly wheat and low & imbalanced use of fertilisers in rabi season. It is estimated that about 1 million tonnes of foodgrains production has declined on account of lower and imbalanced use of fertilisers during the rabi season 1995-96.

Statement

Estimates of foodgrains production Crop-wise for 1995-96 alongwith that of 1993-94 and 1994-95

Crop	Production (Million Tonnes)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Rice	80.30	81.16	79.46
Wheat	59.84	65.47	62.62
Coarse Cereals	30.81	30.35	29.95
Pulses	13.31	14.12	12.97
Total foodgrains	184.26	191.10	185.00

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278. **श्री जिग्नेशभाई हरिभाई शुक्लः** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) गत वर्ष तथा चालू वर्ष के दौरान भूमि विकास हेतु गुजरात सहित प्रत्येक राज्य को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि का आबंटन किया गया;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य द्वारा इस धनराशि में से वास्तविक रूप से कितनी राशि का व्यय किया गया;

(ग) क्या कुछ राज्य सरकारों द्वारा इस प्रयोजनार्थ चालू वर्ष के दौरान और अधिक धनराशि की मांग की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) और (ख) 1995-96 एवं 1996-97 के दौरान भूमि विकास कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत धनराशि का राज्यवार आवंटन एवं व्यय की गई वास्तविक राशि का ब्यौरा विवरण-I में है (नीचे देखिये)।

(ग) से (ङ) जी हां। 1996-97 के दौरान "वर्षा सिंचित क्षेत्रों के लिए राष्ट्रीय पनधारा विकास परियोजना" कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत जम्मू एवं कश्मीर, मध्य प्रदेश, मणिपुर, नागालैंड, पंजाब, त्रिपुरा, सिक्किम, मिजोरम एवं राजस्थान की राज्य सरकारों ने अतिरिक्त धनराशि की मांग की है। प्रत्येक राज्य के कार्यप्रदर्शन एवं उनके पास उपलब्ध अव्ययित शेष राशि को ध्यान में रखते हुए भारत सरकार राज्यों को अतिरिक्त धनराशि आवंटित करता है। विस्तृत ब्यौरा विवरण-II में देखा जा सकता है।